

Please REJECT the NAB Petition 04-160. I PAY for my satellite radio content - and such content should not be controlled or limited by the government, especially to simply keep it from competing with the media GIANTS that own virtually all of the radio stations, coast to coast. Please hear us - the very notion that the FCC, or any government organization, would consider limiting pay-content receivable only via specially obtained and licenced equipment is appalling, even more so if it is done to squash the competition of giants like ClearChannel or Infinity. No matter how much these companies donate to politicians, to pass such legislation, obviously to crush upstart competitors, would be truly obscene and tantamount to corruption in governmentt. Others have put it quite eloquently -

"There's no consumer interest in preventing a new technology from competing with traditional radio coverage of local news, weather and sports. The biggest argument against the new FCC ownership regulations was that when giant multinationals control programming, local programming suffers. Here's an opportunity to expand the number of players in local radio programming, which would give consumers more options, which would compel the industry's big players to deliver better service, or lose market share. There's really only one reason to ban satellite radio providers from delivering local coverage--to protect the existing radio industry from competition".

Sincerely, and in earnest -

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